

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph of the original specification beginning on page 8, line 16, and ending on page 9, line 9, with the following paragraph.

Referring to FIG. 1, a data storage system 100 is provided that utilizes the failover control features of the invention in a multi-host computer device and multi-data storage system environment. As shown, the system 100 includes host servers 120, 150 linked to storage systems 170, 180 via communication fabric 140. The host servers 120, 150 may be heterogeneous, i.e., include processors or CPUs 124, 154 that implement different operating systems (OS) and be produced by different manufacturers. For example, the servers may be NT, Windows, Sun Solaris, or other servers provided by Compaq, Hewlett-Packard, Dell, IBM, Sun, and other server or computer device manufacturers and distributors. Significantly, the system 100 is configured to [[be]] operate compatibly with numerous operating systems because the operating systems run by the CPU 124, 154 do not need to include array controller commands in software or firmware. As shown, the host CPU 124, 154 includes software modules or OS drivers 126, 156 to implement or provide interpreting and I/O commands for the CPU 124, 154. The CPU 124, 154 further includes a command interface 128, 158, such as an application programming interface (API) for providing an interface between the host CPU 124, 154 and the host bus 129, 159 through which data from the host 120, 150 is transmitted to and from the storage systems 170, 180.